

Governor Rank has certainly much disappointed the relatives and friends of the Kansas forger, Herbert M. Thiers. An application was made for his pardon on the ground of failing health and a tendency to insanity. The governor, a practical man, is not overcome by superficial sentiment, and has issued an order to the warden of the state prison at Wausau to deliver Thiers to the superintendent of the Northern hospital for the insane, at Oshkosh, to be confined and treated; and upon his recovery, if occurring before the expiration of his sentence of seven years, he is to be returned to the state prison to serve the unexpired portion of his term. It looks now as if the forger will have the privilege of serving out his time in the penitentiary if insanity or death does not interfere.

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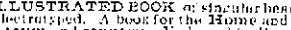
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